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Dear Charles,

I can't take the time I'd like to reply to your 4/5 because for the first time in years I have part-time help and have returned to a book I had to lay aside years ago because I am limited in using stairs and most of my records are in the basement.

I have no recollection of any Roland "Bud" Culligan but I do have a file on him.

A fellow prisoner I'd met wrote me about him 7/22/81.

In a 12/30/81 letter to Admiral Inman Culligan refers to "Admiral Turner's visit to my house" and to other things. You might try Turner.

In a 9/25/79 letter to Christopher W. Farrell, P.O. Box 1117 Jensen Beach, FL 33457 the CIA does refer to him repeatedly as "general."

Culligan phoned me about publishing and the problems in self-publishing. I wrote him 7/26/82 offering "to evaluate the information relating to the JFK assassination and to indicate any potentials in it if you could care to get a copy of it to me." He replied 7/30 saying he'd have friends get a copy of his records to me but they are not in the file so I suppose I got nothing. Among his handwritten additions to the typed letter are his cryptonym, AF serial number and, marked "Confidential Congressional Record "Congressional license to kill dated 1 May 50" and one to "bear arms dated 1 May 50." I saved the envelope. He was then at the James River Correctional Center, State Farm, Va. 23160.

Some unclear recollection returned as soon as I said I had no recollection so I checked the files.

Having heard nothing from him and not having gotten what he said he'd have friends get to me may at the time have made me wonder if he was all there.

Whether or not to pursue the matter should begin with his delivering something tangible, as he said he would to me and didn't. And didn't after release from jail, either. Not a word from him since then.

I have an additional problem with the statement or inference that a general connected with the CIA would have knowledge ~~ets in~~ of its assassinating any president. I am confident that if the CIA had done it there would not have been anyone who was not essential to the deed having any knowledge of it.

With regard to your script, I'd like to read it but cannot now promise to write in detail about it. I'd also like a copy for archival purposes.

Excuse my rush. Lately I've been highlighting when I read for response. "The president meant for the invasion to fail..." Not possibly applicable to JFK.So, are you "true to history" in this?

Was there a "purge of intelligence services by the Kennedy brothers...?" Aside from

the delayed Dulles departure I am not aware of any. It was later, under Carter, by Turner, a Schlesinger

There has been much mythology foist upon us, some by those with political purposes, some with other interests, and some just fictions.

I am not aware of any Bay of Pigs "betrayal" although there have been some fictions.

That it impended was known to all the world except the people of the US. The Cubans were talking about it openly at the UN, the lies about the advance bombing were perceived and reported immediately by our papers. Rather than "betray" the scheme JFK personally convinced the NYTimes and WPost not to publish the stories they had.

My own view is that the CIA hoped only for a beachhead held long enough for a government in exile to be recognized.

JFK did not back out on any promise. He did relent and OK another bombing this time by our Navy planes and the Navy goofed on timing and it went for naught. But he had not promised it and then changed his mind.

The prospects of success were so slight the military avoided any responsibility for the advance planning.

So, to what history are you being true?

You have one US agent on Cuban soil then. Did you know that despite the prohibition on this there was one who did land and did escape?

Best wishes,

Harold